

HONORING ELI WARREN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eli Warren, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1179, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eli has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Eli has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eli Warren for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
GREATER AWARENESS OF OVARIAN
CANCER

SPEECH OF

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 727, which supports the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

We all know someone who has been diagnosed with cancer and understand the devastating impact that diagnosis can have on the patient and his or her family. Although we have made great strides in recent years in finding new treatments for those afflicted with cancer, ovarian cancer continues to be difficult to diagnose and when discovered in later stages, the survival rate is lower than 45 percent. Ovarian cancer silently spreads because we cannot reliably screen for it and because its symptoms are common with other diseases.

As an original cosponsor of H.R. 1816, the "Ovarian Cancer Biomarker Research Act," introduced by my friend and colleague Representative BERMAN, I believe we should encourage collaboration between the federal government and institutions conducting invaluable research on biomarkers for use in risk stratification for, and the early detection and screening of, ovarian cancer. These types of initiatives will ensure that the United States remains a leader in medical breakthroughs and innovations.

We must continue to support funding for research into ovarian cancer, so that we may one day find a cure. We also must devote the necessary resources into developing new screening technology for cancers like ovarian cancer which all too often are found late. Equally important, all women and men need to educate themselves about ovarian cancer so that we save our own lives or those of our loved ones.

I want to commend Representative ISRAEL for introducing this important resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, on rollcall number 911, 912, and 913 I was unavoidably detained due to flight complications from Billings, MT to Washington, DC.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 911, "yea" on rollcall 912, and "aye" on rollcall 913.

ENERGY AND WATER RESEARCH
INTEGRATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in support of H.R. 3598, "Energy and Water Research Integration Act". I would like to thank my colleague, Rep. BART GORDON, for introducing this important legislation.

I support this legislation because our country faces immense challenges with increased demand on our energy and water resources. It is for that reason that this bill is a critical component of our country's energy strategy. According to the Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory, the thermoelectric power sector accounts for 39 percent of total freshwater withdrawal in the United States, and 3.3 percent of total freshwater consumption.

Not only do we need vast quantities of water for energy production, but we also need energy to transport and treat water. Water resource problems are intensifying across all regions of the country. As demand for water continues to rise and supplies dwindle, it has become increasingly apparent that the federal government should create a comprehensive strategy for energy-water research and development of new technologies to ensure sustainable water and energy supplies.

This legislation takes the first steps toward tackling these problems by directing the Secretary of Energy, in carrying out energy research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy (DOE), to: seek to advance energy and energy efficiency technologies and practices that would minimize freshwater withdrawal and consumption, increase water use efficiency, and utilize non-traditional water sources with efforts to improve the quality of that water; consider the effects climate change may have on water supplies and quality for energy generation and fuel production; and improve understanding of the energy required to provide water supplies and the water required to provide reliable energy supplies throughout the United States.

It further requires the Secretary to incorporate specified considerations, including: new

advanced cooling technologies for energy generation and fuel production technologies; innovative water reuse, recovery, and treatment in energy generation and fuel production; and reduction of water resource impacts of fossil fuel resource development.

Finally, this bill directs the Secretary, in coordination with other relevant federal agencies, to establish an Energy-Water Architecture Council to promote and enable improved energy and water resource data collection, reporting, and technological innovation.

This Council would be required to: adopt data collection and communication standards and protocols for the energy required to provide water supplies and the water required to provide reliable energy supplies; make improvements to federal water use data to increase understanding of trends in power plant water use; integrate existing monitoring networks to provide nationally uniform water and energy use and infrastructure data; and conduct an annual technical workshop to facilitate information exchange among experts on technologies that encourage the conservation and efficient use of water energy.

With these first steps, our country will be far better informed about the challenges wrought by increasing demands for water and energy, and so will be better able to face them.

CONGRATULATING KIM JAKOVICS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I would like to commend Kim Jakovics, a social studies teacher at Annapolis High School in Maryland, for winning the Milken Educator Award. Since 1987, this prestigious award has been given annually to honor teachers who have distinguished themselves in their incredibly important and challenging field. Of the fifty-three teachers across the nation to be awarded this prize, she is the sole recipient from Maryland. Mrs. Jakovics was selected because of the immeasurable impact she has had on her students. Michael Milken, co-founder of the foundation, said of her instruction, "Students' self-image changed, their aspirations changed. Students were different after that experience."

For the past six years, Mrs. Jakovics' dedication to her students has made them feel more confident to aim for loftier goals. She has been effective in leading classrooms full of students at different skill levels and embraced the challenge of teaching diverse groups.

Because of teachers like Mrs. Jakovics, Annapolis High School has experienced a dramatic improvement in student results. For five years the school failed to meet state testing standards. Over the last two years, however, the school has met standards and been removed from Maryland's troubled schools watch list. The dedication of teachers like Mrs. Jakovics is what makes such a dramatic turnaround possible.

I hope Mrs. Jakovics will inspire other talented individuals to enter the field of teaching. Once again, I congratulate Mrs. Jakovics and wish her the best of luck.

HONORING DOLPHAS TROTTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Dolphas Trotter upon being awarded the "Community Health Champions Award" at the 2009 West Fresno Health Care Coalition's 5th annual "This Is Your Life of Service" lunch and awards ceremony. This year the ceremony will be held at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Fresno, California on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Mr. Dolphas Trotter was born in 1940 in Idabel, Oklahoma. In 1945 the Trotter family moved cross-country and settled in Southwest Fresno, California. Mr. Trotter attended Washington Union High School where he played football. During his senior year, he participated in the annual Fresno City-County All-Star game, which earned him a football scholarship to College of the Pacific, known today as University of the Pacific. Mr. Trotter graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor's degree and returned to Fresno and began working for Fresno County Department of Social Services.

Shortly after his return to Fresno, Mr. Trotter was drafted into the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1969. This experience affirmed his belief in the value of education and community. When he returned to Fresno from his military service, he began a career in education. The first of many positions Mr. Trotter held in education was at Franklin Elementary School as a fifth grade teacher. He moved on to teach at Edison High School, where he later became the Vice Principal and the first African American principal of the school. Mr. Trotter had a successful career in the Fresno school system, including serving as Principal at Tioga Middle School and Cooper Middle School. For a brief time he served as the first African American interim superintendent of the Fresno Unified School District and then served as the Superintendent at New Millennium Charter Schools.

Mr. Trotter was also a firm believer in community service. He sat on many boards and worked with many organizations, including the African American Historical and Cultural Museum Board of Directors, the Association of California School Administrators, Cedar Vista Hospital Advisory Board, Channel 24 Portrait of Success Board member, National Alliance of Black School Educators, State Center Community College Foundation and Washington Union School Board. For his service to these organizations Mr. Trotter has received many accolades.

Mr. Trotter and his wife met while working at the Fresno County Department of Social Services. They were married in 1972 and raised four children, including two adopted daughters. Mr. Trotter passed away on March 18, 2009. He was a strong advocate and will be remembered as an inspirational role model for the people of Fresno and the residents of Southwest Fresno.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dolphas Trotter and recognize him upon being awarded the "Community Health Champions Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

HONORING THE NORTHERN
CAMBRIA LADY COLTS
VOLLEYBALL TEAM**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Northern Cambria Lady Colts volleyball team for their remarkable season that ended with a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class A State Championship title.

The Lady Colts, who concluded their season with an impressive 26–1 record, swept the defending champions, Holy Name—25–14, 30–28, and 25–22 in the championship match on November 14, 2009. The State Champions title capped off an extraordinary season, with the Lady Colts also winning their 100th consecutive conference match. Additionally, these young women also posted their sixth consecutive District VI title as the team completed their season without a single conference loss.

Led by Coach Mike Hogan, the new state champs will be graduating four outstanding seniors: Janae Dunchack, Breanna Kochinsky, and cousins Arie & Jess Rocco. However, this tight-knit team will have twenty-two girls returning next season to follow in the footsteps of their leaders.

I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication that these young women from Northern Cambria have displayed. I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to the team, the coaching staff, and their fans on a fantastic season. I wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING TUCKER CAMPBELL
SEISE**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tucker Campbell Seise, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1179, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tucker has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tucker has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tucker Campbell Seise for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, I

missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 911, "yea" on rollcall 912, and "yea" on rollcall 913.

IN RECOGNITION OF FREIGHT-
LINER CUSTOM CHASSIS CORPO-
RATION**HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I am proud to claim Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC) as a corporate constituent. On October 29, 2009, Freightliner hosted a plant-wide celebration to announce that its facility in Gaffney, South Carolina is now operating as a Zero-Waste-to-Landfill manufacturing plant. FCCC has been working diligently for years to achieve this goal, which underscores its strong commitment to a better environment. Freightliner is the first company in the trucking industry to achieve Zero-Waste-to-Landfill status.

Before undertaking this initiative, FCCC disposed of some 250,000 pounds of solid waste every month. It now disposes of zero pounds. FCCC's parent company, Daimler Trucks North America LLC, began the Zero-Waste-to-Landfill program as a means of reducing the carbon footprint of its manufacturing facilities. FCCC's facility in Gaffney was selected as the pilot site beginning in September 2007 and will now serve as an example for other facilities to emulate.

FCCC's move to the forefront environmentally reflects well on it, and shows that other manufacturers can do the same.

HONORING JEANNE-CLAUDE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor my friend Jeanne-Claude, who passed away November 18 at the age of 74. In partnership with her husband Christo, she created some of the most exciting art projects of our time. The couple is known for large-scale temporary environmental works of stunning beauty that transform our perceptions of building and landscapes, while creating community dialogue.

I was fortunate to meet the couple in connection with The Running Fence, one of their most spectacular projects that snaked through 24 miles of my district in California's Sonoma and Marin Counties. Installed in 1976, The Running Fence featured over two million square feet of billowing nylon across the golden brown hills of 59 ranches to the Pacific Ocean. The sheer logistics of the endeavor became part of the artistic process as Jeanne-Claude and Christo brought disparate members of the local community together over four-and-a-half years of planning and prodding to bring it to fruition.

The pair returned to Sonoma County in September for a reunion event where I saw that Jeanne-Claude exhibited the same flamboyant, warm style that won her friends and